

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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BRUSSELS AND ROME FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, CY, TU  
SUBJECT: AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN TURKISH CYPRUS

REF: (A) NICOSIA 1882 (NOTAL (B) NICOSIA 2125

1. ON AUGUST 18 IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM, FONMIN DIRGEN  
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PELAGHIAS RAISED AERO AMERICA AIRCRAFT ISSUE. HE NOTED THAT  
HE HAD MADE A PREVIOUS INQUIRY (REF A) AND HAD NOT RECEIVED AN  
ANSWER. THE PROBLEM HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE LOCAL  
NEWSPAPERS HAVE PICKED UP THE STORY AND ARE NOW BEGINNING TO  
ACCUSE U.S. OF COLLABORATION WITH THE "ILLEGAL OPERATION OF ERCAN  
AIRPORT." (COMMENT: LEFT-WING TA NEA ON AUGUST 12 AND QR CARRIED  
STORIES AND EDITORIALS TO THE EFFECT AERO AMERICA IS "OFFICIALLY

ACKNOWLEDGED" BY USG TO BE AN ENTITY OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY CIA.  
END COMMENT.)

2. PELAGHIAS WENT ON TO SAY IMAGE OF U.S. IN CYPRUS  
WILL BE DAMAGED BY CONTINUING STORIES ABOUT AERO AMERICA  
OPERATION. NEWEST WRINKLE IS REVELATION THAT AMERICAN  
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL LIVE IN TURKISH CYPRIOT ZONE AND  
PERFORM MAINTENANCE THERE. HE HOPED WE COULD GIVE HIM  
AN EARLY ANSWER TO INDICATE ACTION USG WILL BE TAKING TO  
CAUSE AERO AMERICA TO CEASE OPERATING FROM ERCAN AIRPORT.

3. DCM NOTED THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CONSULTING  
TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION CAN BE  
TAKEN IN THE CASE. PELAGHIAS OPINED THAT USG SHOULD NOT  
NECESSARILY HAVE TO TAKE ACTION ON THE BASIS OF A REGU-  
LATION. SURELY, HE SAID, A WORD TO THE COMPANY FROM  
USG ABOUT THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE OPERATION  
WOULD CAUSE AERO AMERICA TO STOP DOING BUSINESS WITH  
TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

4. PELAGHIAS SAID GOC WOULD NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN  
THE CASE PENDING A REPLY FROM USG TO THEIR EARLIER  
REQUEST.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WITH THIS SECOND REQUEST FROM GOC  
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE  
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TO GOC ON QUESTION OF OPERATION OF AMERICAN-OWNED  
AIRCRAFT FROM ERCAN AIRPORT. TA NEA AUGUST 14 EDITORIAL  
RAISED ONE ADDITIONAL QUESTION WHICH WE SHOULD BE IN A  
POSITION TO ANSWER. PAPER CLAIMS THAT THE AERO AMERICA  
CONTRACT WITH TURKISH CYPRUS AIRWAYS MUST  
HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE CONSENT OF WASHINGTON BECAUSE  
"FOR ANY CONTRACT WITH ANY FOREIGN AIR COMPANY THE  
APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE  
OFFICE OF AIR COMMUNICATIONS IS NECESSARY." WOULD ALSO  
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE ON THIS POINT.  
DECONTROL MARCH 15, 1978.  
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